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(Case No. 98,714)

In re Application of: )  
David Baunoch, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/212,367 ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
Filed : December 15, 1998 ) Examiner: R. Gitomer  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
AUTOMATED REPROCESSING OF )  
TISSUE SAMPLES )

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 17, 2001

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, please enter  
the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows. A marked up version of the amended claims, to show  
all the changes, is attached hereto on pages separate from the amendment in accordance with 37  
CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

1. (Amended) An apparatus for automatically reprocessing a specimen from an  
infiltrating medium to an aqueous fluid comprising in combination:

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